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In re application of)

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RESPONSE TO REJECTION

The following remarks are submitted in response to the office action of August 9, 2006. The Examiner has required restriction between three groups, claims 1-7, 10, and 11; claims 8, 9, 12, and 13; and claims 14-25. The Applicants provisionally elected Group I for prosecution in this application and now affirm that election. The other claims are withdrawn from further consideration in this application. The claims are shown on the following pages: